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REFTEL HAS MADE A CONVINCING CASE FOR WELL THOUGHT OUT AND
PURPOSEFULL SOUTH KOREAN ACTION IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT, AND
THERE IS NOTHING FOR US TO ADD EXCEPT A FURTHER COMMENT
ABOUT THE BEST LOCUS FOR A SOUTH KOREAN INITIAL APPROACH TO A
BURUNDI REPRESENTATIVE. GIVEN THE CURRENT LINEUP OF BURUNDI
AMBASSADORS ABROAD, WE THINK THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AND POTEN-
Tially SYMPATHETIC ARE NZEYIMANA IN WASHINGTON AND NDABAKWAJE
IN BONN. EACH WOULD PROBABLY REPORT ACCURATELY AND PERHAPS EVEN
ADD PERCEPTIVE COMMENT. NDICUNGUYE IN KINSHASA SEEMS TO HAVE
NARROWER EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION, WITH LESS EXPOSURE TO NON-
AFRICAN ISSUES. HIS EMBASSY, MOREOVER, HAS BEEN VERY STICKY
IN THE PAST ABOUT ISSUING VISAS EVEN TO OFFICIAL AMERICANS TO
VISIT BURUNDI. SIMBANANIYE, BURUNDI'S NEW REP AT THE UN WOULD
BE ABOUT THE WORST PERSON TO CONTACT, SINCE HE HAS HAD A LONG-
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STANDING COMMITMENT TO PYONGYANG. BURUNDI'S EMBASSIES IN PARIS
AND BRUSSELS ARE CURRENTLY WITHOUT AMBASSADORS. IN ANY EVENT,
WHICHEVER SPOT IS CHOSEN, THE MAIN THING IS THAT THE SOUTH
KOREAN INTERLOCUTOR BE WELL BRIEFED ON THE BACKGROUND, WELL PRE-
PARED ON THE PITCH TO BE MADE, SEEMINGLY SYMPATHETIC TO BURUNDI'S
PROBLEMS, AND, IF POSSIBLE, CONVERSANT IN FRENCH. HE SHOULD NOT
PARTICULARLY TRY TO DENIGRATE NORTH KOREA, BUT RATHER STRESS

SEOUL'S INTEREST IN MOVING LDC'S (SUCH AS BURUNDI) TO GENUINE
NONALIGNMENT IN KOREA, AS ELSEWHERE.
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